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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1990:—

BILL NO. V OF 1990

A Bill further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951 and to amend the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956, the Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962, the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964 and the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978.

Br it enacted by Parliament in the Forty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:--

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.

Short title.

2. In paragraph 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

Amendment of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, Amendment of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951. 3. In paragraph 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

Amendment of the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order,

1956.

4. In the proviso to paragraph 2 of the Constitution (Jammu and Kashunir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

Amendment of the Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962. 5. In the proviso to paragraph 2 of the Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

- Amendment of the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order,
- 6. In the proviso to paragraph 2 of the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

Amendment of the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978,

1964.

7. In the proviso to paragraph 2 of the Constitution, (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978, for the words "or the Sikh", the words ", the Sikh or the Buddhist" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

"Neo-Buddhist" are a religious group which has come into existence in 1956 as a result of a wave of conversions of the Scheduled Castes under the leadership of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Upon conversion to Buddhism, they became ineligible for statutory concessions like reservation in services and of seats in Parliament and State Assemblies and non-statutory concessions like educational scholarships. Various demands have been made, from time to time, for extending all the concessions and facilities available to the Scheduled Castes to them also on the ground that change of religion has not altered their social and economic conditions. As a matter of fact, non-statutory concessions of the Central Government available to the Scheduled Castes have been extended to Neo-Buddhists. As they objectively deserve to be treated as the Scheduled Castes for the purpose of various reservations, it is proposed to amend the Presidential Orders to include them therein.

2. Hence this Bill.

RAM VILAS PASWAN.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders to remove bar on the Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism from being deemed to be members of the Scheduled Castes. The Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism are already enjoying the benefits of all non-statutory schemes. Hence, there will not be any additional expenditure on the Consolidated Fund of India.

SUDARSHAN AGARWAL, Secretary-General.

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